

REGION 10 OWW TOPIC BRIEFING

RESOLUTION OPTIONS - DESCHUTES TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)

Meeting Purpose

- Options for moving forward with the Deschutes TMDL
- Summary of TMDL issues and Agency viewpoints

Project Background

Ecology submitted the final Phase 1 Deschutes TMDL to EPA for approval on December 17, 2015. The submitted TMDL package included a request that EPA approve allocations for 71 Water Quality Limited Segments (WQLSs) impaired by five pollutants (temperature, dissolved oxygen [DO], pH, fecal coliform, and fine sediment). Beginning in February 2016, EPA has discussed with Ecology opportunities to remedy legal and technical shortcomings of the TMDL that have been identified by both EPA (WU, ORC) and potential plaintiffs (NWEA, SIT). The remedy recommended by EPA to Ecology included:

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